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Application Number	09/780,804
Filing Date	February 9, 2001
First Named Inventor	David L. GOODALE, et al.
Art Unit	1743
Examiner Name	Dwayne K. Handy
Attorney Docket Number	81841.0183

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other page from dictionary for the word "spin"

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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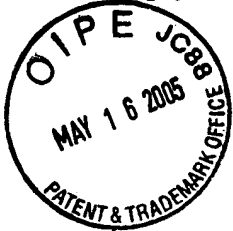
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

David L. GOODALE, et al.

Serial No.: 09/780,804

Confirmation No.: 8653

Filed: February 9, 2001

For: LATCH SYSTEM AND MODIFIED
BLADE DESIGN FOR THICK
STOPPER-CLOSED CONTAINER
SAMPLING PIERCING STATION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated April 5, 2005 and Final Office Action dated December 14, 2004, and in conjunction with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: Dwayne K. Handy

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